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Dear Bob:

As frequently happens, some of the study's secondary assumptions have been overtaken by events or further analysis. For example, the premise of virtually unlimited US flexibility in withdrawing troops under an MBFR agreement no longer seems possible. The Soviets have made clear at Vienna that the US will not be permitted to withdraw support troops and individuals while forcing the USSR to withdraw combat troops and units.

The conclusions and recommendations of the study, nevertheless, make a significant contribution to the growing body of analysis on the complex subject of a credible conventional defense for NATO after MBFR.

Best regards.

Faithfully yours,

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